SciDAC Program Overview

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SciDAC: High Level

- Core ideas
 - Modeling and simulation can advance scientific understanding
 - Collaboration is built in over 5 year periods
 - All Office of Science programs participate
- Key: Applied math, CS, and physical sciences make proposals that call out specific collaborations
- Structure: Institutes and Centers for Enabling Technology drive Scientific Application Partnerships
- Office of Science and NNSA funded http://www.scidac.gov





SciDAC-2 Drivers

- Simulation at Scale
 - Application frameworks
 - Advanced solvers, meshing
 - Scalable performance tools
- Data and Storage
 - Visualization / analytics
 - Data management, filesystems
- Are these your drivers?
 - Y: Let's discuss particulars
 - N: What did we miss?





SciDAC-2 Outreach: Motivation

A SciDAC program that looks within as well as to broader communities will find:

- better solutions for existing stakeholders
- new partners for SciDAC-2 (3...)
- new HPC talent, new grand challenges
- new supporters of DOE software





Outreach is Bidirectional

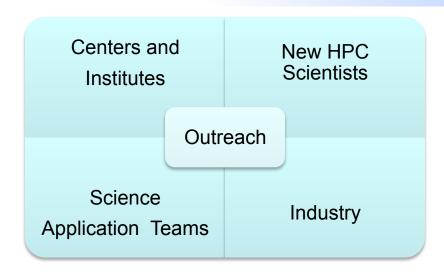
- Bring new audiences to SciDAC
 - Tutorials, guest accounts, HPC startup
 - Targeted trainings, answer questions

- Bring SciDAC to new audiences
 - Make software easy to download and use
 - Tools for development, improving SW





Methods for Outreach



"Bring people together by finding resources to meet their disparate and shared needs in HPC"

- Tutorials, in-person meetings
- Finding SciDAC software solutions
- Scaling studies on DOE machines





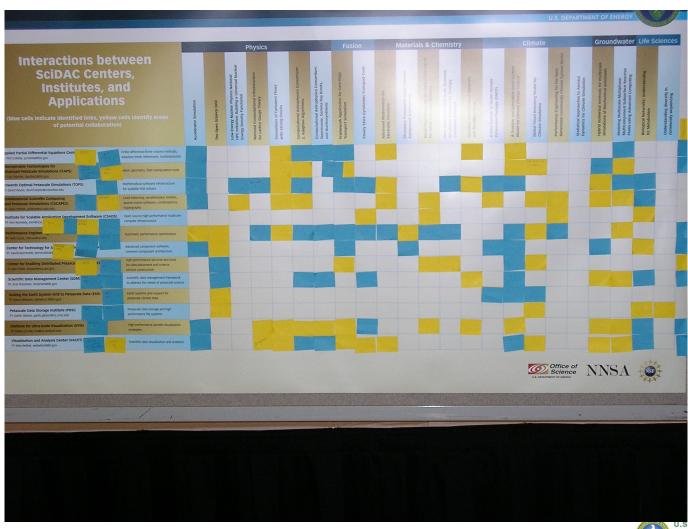
Method: Getting people together

- Initial SciDAC-wide meetings of SciDAC Pls
 - Atlanta Feb 5-6 2006 (SciDAC Kickoff)
 - Las Vegas Nov 20-21 2007 (C&I Planning)
- Subsequent Point-to-Point meetings
 - Telecons "Bob meet Alice"
 - Travel stipends "Bob go talk at Alice's Workshop"
- In both cases we listen, track needs, and follow-up
- Annual SciDAC Tutorials Day





Post-it Collaboration Map







Collaborations between Centers, Institutes, SAPs by science area

<pre>= existing =potential</pre>	Physics	Fusion	Mat. Sci & Chemistry	Climate	Ground Water	Life Sciences
APDEC	• • • •	•	• •	•	•	
ITAPS	• • •	• •		• •	• •	
TASCS	• •	•	•	• •	•	•
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Method: HPC Experience

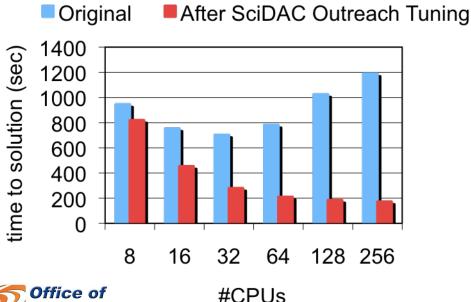
- SciDAC is uniquely positioned to provide rapid assessment of HPC application needs through choices of software and hardware
- Allows for scalable intake of new HPC apps to determine
 - Overall performance
 - Software/algorithm suitability
 - Bottlenecks to scalability
 - Appropriate HPC system selection





Case Study: United Technologies Corp.

- AMR based spray combustion code needed improved scalability to tackle larger problems in improving fuel efficiency
- SciDAC Outreach methods for Industry
 - Identify computing needs in industrial areas that reinforce the DOE mission
 - Offer short-term help: code profiling, HPC scalability, tuning, tutorials
 - Foster long-term collaborations, Communicate the SciDAC mission



- UTC: explained their goals
- Outreach: profiling, tuning
- •3.6x faster time to solution
- Everyone wins (UTC, DOE, HPC)





SciDAC is Science, People, and Code





Thank You

We are interested in your thoughts and inquiries about what will make SciDAC-3 wildly successful.

Please contact us with your questions or feedback.

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